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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

This document is intended to be fully responsive to the office action (paper no. 8) mailed on April 13, 2001.

Amendment

Please cancel the originally submitted Abstract and insert the new Abstract:

A method for manufacturing a gelatinous elastomer article comprising a series of steps. The steps include selecting a plasticizer, selecting a triblock copolymer of the general configuration A-B-A, mixing the plasticizer and triblock copolymer such as by melt blending or use of a compounding screw in order to produce a gelatinous elastomer, permitting the gelatinous elastomer to cool, selecting a forming device such as a die or mold, melting the gelatinous elastomer, and forcing the gelatinous elastomer into the forming device in order to form a gelatinous elastomer part.

Please change the title of the invention from "Improved Cushioning Devices, Gelatinous Elastomer Materials, and Devices Made Therefrom" to --Process of Forming Gelatinous Elastomer Materials--.